

TECUMSEH KIWANIS DISPATCH

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Meeting Second Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Tecumseh United Methodist Church

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May Meeting

Regina and Larry cooperated to provide the speaker for our May meeting who was local resident, Steve Vogel, the President of the Shawnee County Landlord's Association. Steve and his wife, Linda, who is the Vice-President of the organization, own 23 rental properties in Topeka and Tecumseh. They got started in 2008 when the stock market dramatically fell and they say the value of their retirement savings drastically decline. They attended a real estate investment seminar, got hooked up with a less than ethical realtor, bought five houses, and started on a rocky road to being landlords. Learning from their mistakes, they are now quite comfortable in the lucrative role.

The Shawnee County Landlord's Association is an organization of like-minded landlords helping each other and advocating for landlord rights within the city and county. They are currently actively lobbying against a landlord registry which they feel would place unnecessary governmental restrictions on them.

Good landlords are always in search of ideal tenants who obey rules and pay rent in a timely manner but sometimes they must deal with maintenance issues, drive-by shootings, squatters, unwelcome guests and non-paying or trashy tenants. If it was easy then everyone would be landlords.

Landlords try to prevent problems by using property managers, who are not always satisfactory, doing background and credit checks and thoroughly checking with former landlords. There is no tenant registry which lists problem tenants and there seems to be no push by the association to establish one for fear of some liability problems. Steve indicated that evicting a tenant for non-payment or other reasons was not exceptionally difficult. If a competent attorney was used it could be done in a couple of months with the help of the Sheriff's department.

Thanks to Ashli for the hot and fresh cherry cobbler for dessert.

Pancake Feed & Silent Auction

Our annual Tecumseh Kiwanis Club and Troop 18 pancake feed and silent auction was held on Saturday, April 18 and with everyone's help we had another successful year. We were very happy to have the new principal at Tecumseh South, Ryan Ritchey, as our early morning pancake flipper. Ryan was already a grill master so it did not take him long to get into the rhythm. Scott Dial took the second shift from Ryan and tossed pancakes to students. Scott will become the Director of Human Resources for Shawnee Heights starting on July 1. Congratulation to both Scott and Ryan.

The pancake feed took in \$1140, the auction took in \$1440, and we got a \$180 donation for a gross profit of \$2760. Expenses were \$331.06 making a gross profit of \$2428.94 of which both Tecumseh Kiwanis and Troop 18 received \$1214.47.

Thanks to our Kiwanis members and Troop 18 for all of their help. Many thanks to Ken and Mary for spending their Saturday morning helping the cause especially since Ken was maimed by a garage door in Florida just days before our event. A real trooper.

2026-2027 Officers

Our new club officers starting in October will be Regina as President, Denise as President Elect, Cindy as Treasurer, Larry as Secretary and Diana as Past President.

Upcoming Programs

June 10	- Cookout
Dessert	- Debbie
July 8	- Cindy
Dessert	- Regina
August 13	- Debbie
Dessert	- Denise

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Tecumseh Kiwanis Club Santa Fe Band Concert and Ice Cream Social

**Sunday July 26, 2026
Tecumseh United Methodist Church
334 SE Tecumseh Rd. Tecumseh, KS**

**Serving ice cream and cake at 6:00 pm
Band Plays 6:30—7:30 pm**

**Free will offering
Proceeds used for Kiwanis
community programs**

**Bring your lawn chairs or blankets
In case of rain, [®]
concert will be held indoors**

